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## "Architeuthis" Works by Skot Olsen

**Opening Reception: Saturday December 13th, 2008 from 7pm-11pm**  
**Show Runs Through: December 13th through January 10th, 2009.**

Avast there Bosun's-mate, the theme of this Decembers show at The Shooting Gallery is based roughly on mid-19th century nautical styles art. Growing up in New England and having sailed through his youth for up to months at a time, Skot Olsen has the heart of a true seaman. His paintings are venturesome filled with movement, experimenting with style, subject matter and process. The waves are painted choppy and haphazardly to convey the feeling bobbing on a rough sea. The more divine figures such as Saint Architeuthis, are more calm and serene, painted smoothly with precision.

The blessed Saint Architeuthis is the patron saint of doomed sailors. Architeuthis is a squid of righteousness who bears a bishop's crown, tentacular staff, harpoon and anchor symbolizing his power of the sea. Olsen's paintings tell nautical tales of both adventure and history with erie truths of the sea, told from the mouths of old salty seamen. Just as a seaman's life represents duality between land and sea so does Olsen's work question human and the divine.

Sail into The Shooting Gallery for the opening reception of "Architeuthis" new works by Skot Olsen, on December 13th 2008 from 7pm until 11pm. This event is open to the public. If we don't see you thar yall be walk'n the plank!